

MINUTES City Council Housing Subcommittee

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room 455 E. Calaveras Blvd. 2:00 PM

I. Roll Call: Present: Chair Councilmember Carmen Montano, Councilmember Bob Nuñez, Steve McHarris, Ashwini Kantak, Christopher Diaz, Renee Lorentzen, Sharon Goei, Robert

Musallam, Sara Court, Cheryl Jordan, Chris Norwood

- II. Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Carmen Montano led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **III. Approval of Agenda:** Councilmember Bob Nuñez motioned to approve the agenda, Councilmember Carmen Montano seconded. Motion approved.
- **IV. Approval of Minutes:** Councilmember Bob Nuñez motioned to approve the minutes for June 18, 2019, Councilmember Carmen Montano seconded. Motion approved.

V. Public Forum:

Member of the public submitted a letter regarding the scheduling and notification of meetings.

Member of the public expressed gratitude to Council members for the formation of the Housing Subcommittee.

VI. Business Items:

Councilmember Nuñez reviewed the priorities of the City of Milpitas, including housing opportunities for transitional-aged youth, affordable housing for teachers, exploring the utilization of land owned by MUSD, utilizing SCC Measure A funds, rental assistance, and providing shelter to students experiencing homelessness.

Cheryl Jordan explained MUSD's requirements under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, including transportation (VTA passes), providing breakfast and lunch, immediate enrollment in school, the right to attend their last school of residence to provide stability, and facilitating participation in after school programs.

Cheryl Jordan reviewed the future priorities of MUSD, as discussed in a recent board meeting:

- a. Providing students in need with a safe place to stay in the City after hours
- b. Developing a network of families to step in and help students in times of crisis
- c. Exploring the expansion of student nutrition services to include dinners to take home
- d. Providing mental health services to students while taking confidentiality into account

Councilmembers and School District representatives discussed ways in which the City can best collaborate with the School District and the following actions items were established:

- a. City Attorney to gather information about other Cities that are partnering with School Districts on similar projects, including the City of Los Gatos and City of San Jose
- b. School District to look into existing committees within the School District that may be able to help increase the partnership and collaboration with the City and MUSD
- c. School District to gather information about the geographic location of students experiencing homelessness

- d. City staff to create an updated list of the City's land inventory. City staff already shared a draft list with the School District.
- e. School District to provide a clearer definition of students experiencing homelessness in the City of Milpitas
- f. School District and City to meet with representatives from Santa Clara County to discuss Measure A funds
- g. Attorneys from the City and School District to determine what is possible regarding land usage

The Housing Subcommittee will meet on Wednesday, July 3rd at 5:00 PM to review Councilmember Montano's consolidated and condensed list and provide updates.

VII. Public Forum Continued

A representative from SV@Home voiced support of further collaboration with MUSD and explained that SV@Home is currently working with City of San Jose on utilizing school district land.

A member of the public informed the Committee that the City of Los Gatos is currently working on a project to provide affordable housing to teachers.

A member of the public expressed that she would like to receive better notification of future Housing Subcommittee meetings.

VIII. Adjournment:

To July 3rd meeting.